## REMARKS

Applicants herein cancel claims 1-45. The claims are canceled for purposes related to declaring an interference between the present application and the patent referred to below. Therefore, the claims are not canceled for any reason related to patentability and are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicants added claims 46-63. Therefore, claims 46-50 are presently before the Examiner for consideration. Entry of the amendment is respectfully requested.

Applicants' claims 46-63 are identical to claims 1-18 respectively, of U.S. Patent No. 6,591,196 to Yakhini et al ("Yakhini"), issued July 8, 2003.

Entry of the foregoing is respectfully requested.

No new fees are believed to be due with the filing of this document. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 01-0431.

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